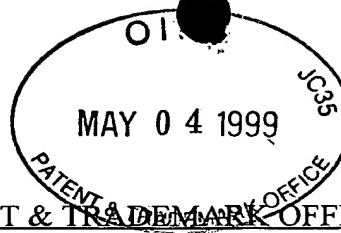


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

--1. (Amended) A polypeptide compound of the following general formula:

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